

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE  
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**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 31, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: